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- (c) determining whether individual hypothesized strings of said list satisfy a given constraint, using a given knowledge based recognition strategy;
  - (d) selecting the first string in the list satisfying the constraint as the recognized string, if none of the hypothesized digit strings satisfy the constraint,
  - (e) prompting entry of a second spoken digit string;
  - (f) analyzing the second spoken digit string to generate a second list of hypothesized digit strings arranged in ranked order based on a likelihood of matching the second spoken digit string; and
  - (g) selecting the recognized string in accordance with a comparison of the first and the second list.
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15. (As Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein step (g) comprises:

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(h) determining whether individual hypothesized strings of the second list match one of the hypothesized digit strings in the list generated in step (b) in order beginning with the string having the greatest likelihood of matching the second spoken string; and

(i) selecting as the recognized string the first string in the second list matching one of the hypothesized digit strings generated in step (b).

16. (As Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein step (g) comprises:

(h) determining whether individual hypothesized strings of the list generated in step (b) match one of the hypothesized digit